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Dear Bud,

Thanks for your correspondence with Tassock.

Thanks also if your people do not refer any more nuts like Charles Stone of Fort Worth to me. Years ago perhaps it would have been a joke but in my present condition I do not regard it as funny. I had to wade through so much before it was apparent that he is a nut. I did not throw the letter away because he began by saying you referred him to me. Then I wind up having to write a polite no thanks.

You may have forgotten but I held a different view of Clay Shaw than most others. I did no investigation of him per se, ever.

What Tassock writes is exactly what I remember Garrison talking about, making something out of.

Without some reason to connect Shaw with the crime and absent more than the tardiness in getting to Portland I'm back where I was years ago wondering not only what it means but whether it could mean anything.

All sorts of thing went out of schedule once JFK was killed, whether or not Shaw missed the LA train. (I think Garrison had him in San Francisco rather than LA.)

I also think this entire line is for losers now if there every was anything to it.

You did yourself no good with Tannenbaum by sending him a copy that says there is a copy to me. These people hate me.

And as by now you should have been able to see, are totally unwilling to be serious - assuming they can be.

If I seek nothing about them, not having the time, much reaches me that says they are still nuts, still irresponsible.

It has long been my belief that even if they should by some magic straighten out and do anything of worth it would still lack any credibility - now would not be accepted by anyone.

I'm sorry it is this way.

That it turned out this way.

That there was nothing I could do about it/

That I think nothing now can be done to save them - and what they represent.

And that in the end not making their insanities public as they go may build into an even greater disaster.

Too bad,